

Exports

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Energy product exports fell 4.6% in value due to lower prices received for coal.

BY DESTINATION

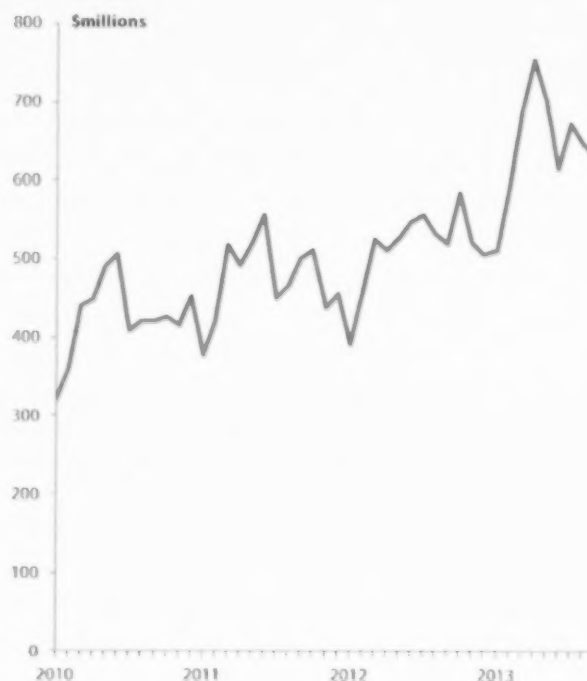
The value of B.C. origin exports climbed 5.0% over the first ten months of 2013 compared to the January to October period a year earlier. Much of the growth continues to be driven by exports to B.C.'s largest trading partners, the United States (+9.2%) and Mainland China (+17.8%). India has also seen a big jump in shipments, with exports to that country rising 34.3%. However, shipments to other major destinations, such as the European Union (-15.8%), Japan (-5.2%), South Korea (-9.6%), Taiwan (-6.6%) and Hong Kong (-14.5%), have dropped significantly.

BY COMMODITY

B.C. exports of solid wood products jumped 26.0% year-to-date to October, compared to the same period in 2012. Most of the growth was due to a 27.0% increase in shipments of softwood lumber, but there was strong growth across all major wood categories, including softwood plywood and veneer (+29.3%), other panel products (+37.5%) and logs (+35.0%).

Elsewhere in the forest sector, shipments of pulp and paper products fell 4.9%, despite a 6.3% boost in exports of newsprint. Pulp (-4.5%), other paper and paperboard (-9.1%) and other pulp and paper products (-12.5%) all saw a drop in exports.

B.C. EXPORTS OF SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS HAVE EXPERIENCED ROBUST GROWTH



Source: Statistics Canada / Prepared by BC Stats

Exports – continued...

Lower prices for coal continue to drive down the value of overall energy exports (-4.6%). The value of coal shipments fell 17.5%, despite the fact that the volume of coal exported climbed 12.4%. The opposite was true for electricity exports, which saw a 14.9% jump in value, despite a 34.0% reduction in volume. The value of natural gas exports grew 36.0%, while volumes shipped edged up only 0.2%.

The value of exports of metallic mineral products rose 13.6% over the first ten months of 2013, compared to the same period a year earlier. Strong growth in shipments of copper ores and concentrates (+25.9%) helped offset significant declines in exports of molybdenum ores and concentrates (-25.2%) and unwrought aluminum (-15.3%).

There was robust growth in shipments of agriculture and food (+7.4%) and fish (+5.6%) products. Shipments of vegetables (+19.3%) and vegetable oils (+32.8%), in particular, experienced strong growth.

The export performance of secondary manufactured goods was mixed. Shipments of machinery and equipment climbed 4.6%, but there were significant declines in exports of fabricated metal products (-5.8%) and chemicals and chemical products (-7.9%).

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EXPORTS

Seasonal adjustment provides a means of making month-to-month comparisons by removing the periodic seasonal fluctuations that occur. Variations from normal seasonal patterns are revealed in the seasonally adjusted series.

The value of B.C.'s commodity exports edged down 0.6% in October due mainly to a 26.1% drop in shipments of metal and non-metallic mineral products, as well as declines of 49.7% in exports of aircraft and other transportation equipment and parts, and 12.2% in shipments of consumer goods. The reduced exports of these goods offset fairly strong growth in shipments of forestry products and building and packaging materials (+3.7%) and metal ores and non-metallic minerals (+13.3%).

Exports to the United States fell 1.6%, while shipments to the rest of the world inched up 0.3%. The drop in exports to the U.S. was driven by a 15.3% slump in shipments of metal and non-metallic mineral products and a 52.5% drop in exports of aircraft and other transportation equipment.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Despite producing the most lumber of any province in the country, British Columbia is the source of only 0.3% of all Christmas trees exported from Canada. In 2012, B.C. was the origin of only 4,897 of the 1.6 million Christmas trees shipped out of Canada.